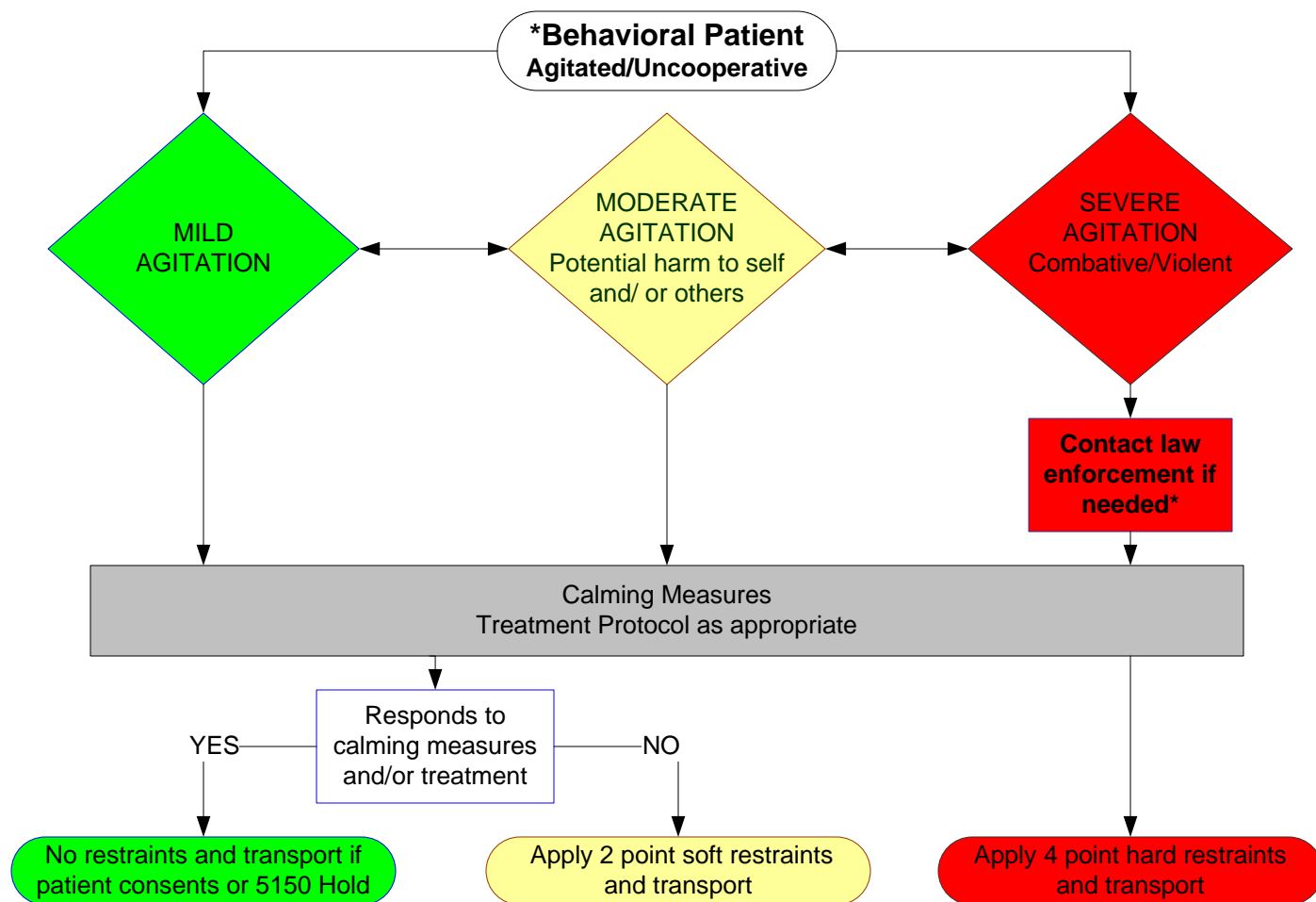


LOS ANGELES COUNTY EMS AGENCY
MEDICAL CONTROL GUIDELINES

TREATMENT

PRINCIPLES:

1. The use of restraints is a high risk procedure
2. Circulation and neurological functions should be assessed every 15 minutes
3. Airway, breathing and circulation (ABCs) should be continuously monitored
4. Restraints are to remain on the patient until care has been transferred to the receiving facility
5. EMS personnel should be familiar with individual agency policies on restraints
6. Provider agency's quality improvement plan should include restraint indicators
7. The safety of the patient and EMS personnel should be a primary consideration for the application of restraints



***Consideration:**

Behavioral problems may be due to medical conditions such as: head injury, metabolic disorder, alcohol and drugs, psychiatric disorders.
Treat per appropriate Los Angeles County Treatment Protocol.
Strong consideration should be given to law enforcement involvement.